

ORDINANCE NO. 14952

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 72 - 2011

NOVEMBER 2, 2011

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Historic District Ordinance, Article 1391, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown to clarify the composition of the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB).

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That Section 1391.07, Board of Historical Architectural Review, be amended as follows:

A. Creation & Composition

A Board of Historical Architectural Review hereinafter HARB is hereby established and shall be composed of seven (7) members and four (4) alternate members appointed by City Council. The members of the HARB shall be as follows: One member and one alternate member shall be a registered architect; one member and one alternate member shall be a licensed real estate broker; one member and one alternate member shall be a building inspector of the City of Allentown; ~~one member and one alternate member shall be a contractor; three (3)~~ four (4) members and one alternate shall be persons with knowledge of and interest in the preservation of the historic district(s) and at least ~~two (2)~~ three (3) members of the HARB shall be residents of the historic district(s). All members and alternate members shall be City residents, or at the discretion of Council, persons not residents of the City but who have a significant property or business interest in the City may be selected to serve. (14321 §1 9/22/05)

SECTION THREE: That upon approval, the City Clerk is directed to incorporate the above sections into Historic District Ordinance Article 1391, as amended.

SECTION FOUR: That this ordinance shall take effect ten (10) after final passage.

SECTION FIVE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Michael D'Amore	x	
Michael Donovan	x	
Jeanette Eichenwald	x	
Julio A. Guridy	x	
Ray O'Connell	x	
Mike Schlossberg	x	
Peter G. Schweyer, Pres.	x	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on December 21st and signed by the Mayor on December 26th, 2011.


 CITY CLERK

Bill: Historic District Ordinance amendments to clarify the composition of the Board of Historical Architectural Review (HARB)

▢ **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Origination: Department of Community and Economic Development, Bureau of Planning and Zoning.

▢ **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The bill amends the HDO by making some minor clarifications and changes to the structure of the board.

▢ **Purpose**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities

The bill will make it easier to fill vacancies on the Board and allow for better representation of the three Historic Districts.

- *Change 1 - removing the requirement for the Building Inspector to be a City of Allentown Building Inspector. This will open up the position to potentially be filled by the private sector and not limit it to the 4 City of Allentown Building inspectors.*
- *Change 2 – removing the Contractor position. The contractor position is not required by the state enabling legislation.*
- *Change 3 – Adding an additional “person with knowledge or interest” seat and an alternate “person with knowledge or interest” seat. This will make it easier to fill positions with interested residents of the 3 Historic Districts.*
- *Change 4 - Requiring that at-least three (3) members are residents of the Historic Districts.*

▢ **Financial Impact**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

None.

▢ **Funding Sources**

Make sure bill gives specific accounts if money is moved around.

N/A

▢ **Priority status/Deadlines, if any.**

As soon as possible since there is an interest in filling vacant HARB seats

▢ **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

The changes support and strengthen the purpose of the HDO by making it easier for Historic District Residents to participate on the board and requiring at least three HARB members reside in the historic districts.